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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance for various programmes/ schemes for development of Science and Technology in the various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, Scheme-wise during the last three years; and

(c) the details of assistance utilised and projects completed during the said period, State-wise and Scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The government provides financial assistance for development of Science & Technology in various States through a specific programme/ scheme entitled "State Science and Technology Programme". Under this programme, financial assistance is provided for setting up/ strengthening of State Science & Technology Councils and for promotion of activities related to location specific need based research & development; pilot scale science & technology demonstration projects; studies/ surveys on specific topics of relevance to the needs of various States etc. During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 26.00 crores has been released to various States and assistance amounting to Rs.19.24 crores has been utilized. During this period 130 projects have been completed. The state-wise details may be seen at Annexure I.